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### **VOTERS SHOULD DECIDE IF MANDATORY RECYCLING GOES FORWARD**

*City Attorney urges Council to place measure on the Ballot*

**San Diego, CA:** Should voters have a voice in determining whether or not they would like the City to adopt a mandatory recycling ordinance? City Attorney Michael Aguirre believes they should and has submitted a ballot proposal to the City Council for consideration.

The proposed measure seeks to amend the San Diego City Charter to require the City Council to adopt a mandatory recycling ordinance and to impose a fee, as allowed by law, to fund recycling services.

“The City of San Diego is one of the few cities in the County that lacks a mandatory recycling ordinance,” said City Attorney Aguirre. “I believe voters will want to formally weigh in on this important matter.”

Under Council Policy 000-21, members of the public and independent department heads may submit ballot proposals to the City Council for consideration. In conformance with the Council Policy, the City Attorney submitted the ballot proposal to the City Clerk. The draft Charter amendment will then be submitted to the City Council’s Rules Committee for placement on the agenda. A majority vote by the committee is needed to forward the proposed ballot measure to the City Council.

If the City Council agrees to place the Charter amendment on the ballot, voters will get the opportunity to vote at the next Municipal Election on June 3, 2008. A majority vote is needed to amend the San Diego Charter.

To view the proposed Charter amendment, visit [www.sandiegocityattorney.org](http://www.sandiegocityattorney.org) and click Significant Reports and Legal Documents.

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